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SUBJECT: KAZAKHSTANI RESPONSE TO DEMARCHE ON AFGHAN COMPACT

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1. (U) This is an action request. Please see paragraph 3.

2. (SBU) On December 22, Poloff delivered reftel demarche on donor pledging for the Afghanistan Compact in London to Aitzhan Aidashev, First Secretary in the Asia Department of the Kazakhstani Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Aidashev commented that Kazakhstan is a new country and can not contribute money at this time, but is willing to participate in reconstruction projects and send its own specialists. He said that Kazakhstan has many specialists that know the region and would be in a good position to contribute to projects organized by donor countries.

3. (SBU) Aidashev asked Poloff who would be leading the U.S. delegation to the Afghanistan Compact in London so the Kazakhstanis could send a representative at the appropriate level. Request department inform post who will lead the U.S. delegation.

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